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REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 21, 2004, the status identifiers for the claims have been amended. No claims have been amended. Entrance of this response is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and requests early notice to that effect.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6742 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,

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